

Squib Racing Event August Weekend, 2026

SAILING NOTE

This document is a tailored Sailing Instruction to promote Squib Sailing in a friendly environment, for the club August Weekend Squib sailing event. This event is aimed at providing racing to new and old sailors in a competitive and encouraging environment.

This sailing instruction must be read in conjunction with the Iniscealtra Sailing Club Notice of Race (NOR). Entry into the race confirms agreement with the conditions of the NOR and SI.

The NOR for the ISC 2026 season is available on the ISC website.

NOTE: The use of [DP] indicates that the organising authority reserves the right to apply a discretionary penalty.

1. Rules

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and/or by the conditions set out by the organising authority Iniscealtra Sailing Club ("ISC").

2. Entries

Eligible boats must enter the race by attending the briefing held in advance of racing, notifying the PRO at the briefing of your intention to race and paying the race fees specified. Eligible Boats are boats owned by fully paid-up Members of ISC for which valid insurances are in place, for which ISC has provided a current race handicap, and for which suitable safety equipment is carried on board. This race is an Open Race and accordingly the definition of an 'Eligible Boat' is expanded to include boats owned by fully paid-up members of Garrykennedy Sailing Club, Lough Derg Yacht Club and such other clubs, as the ISC Committee shall designate.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be advised at the briefing.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be advised at the briefing.

5. Signals Made Ashore

None.

6. Lifejackets

[DP] It is mandatory that all competitors are required to always wear appropriate Personal Flotation Device's (PFD'S) while racing. The Y Flag will not be flown.

7. Races & Registration

Registration will be available at the ISC Club Site from 13:00hrs until 14:00hrs on Saturday, August 1st. The briefing will take place at the ISC Club Site at 13.45hrs.

8. Class Flags

Not used

9. Racing Area

The racing area is in the general area of Mountshannon Bay

10. Course

10.1

The course and racing details are outlined in Appendix A

10.2

Not used

11. Changing the Course

Not used

12. The Start

12.1

Unless otherwise advised at the briefing, races will be started using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2

Not used

12.3 Start Line

The start line will be between the mid ship of the ISC Committee Boat and a Pin End Mark located to the port of that Committee Boat

12.4

Not used

12.5

A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

This changes rule 26.

13. The Finish

The finish line will be between the Pin End Mark and the ISC Committee Boat.

14. Time limit

Not used

15. Scoring, Handicapping & Penalty System

15.1 Scoring

Boats shall be observed at the finish and recorded as 'First passed the Post'.

The format is for 6 races, with 1 discard at the completion of the 6th race.

15.2 Handicaps

Not used

15.3 Penalty System

For all classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

This changes rule 44.1

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 Required Safety Equipment

It is the responsibility of the skipper of each boat to determine whether to start and participate in any race, to inform him/herself on the weather and sea conditions forecast, and to provide safety equipment and an appropriate personal flotation device for each member of his/her crew.

Only the skipper can know whether the capabilities of the boat, its equipment and crew are adequate for the weather (wind and sea) conditions likely to be experienced during the race and while at sea. It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure that all necessary safety equipment is on board, its location known and accessible to all crew members, and in good working order at all times when at sea.

The Irish Coast Guard produces several publications with advice for those involved in recreational boating activities, see www.safetyonthewater.ie The Irish Coast Guard has published a code of practice to assist the skippers and it is available on their website <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-transport/publications/code-of-practice-for-the-safe-operation-of-recreational-craft/>

16.2 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

For boats participating in ISC racing the following minimum safety equipment is required (and the GSC/ISC Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat at any time to determine compliance with Rule 15.2). Failure to have the required safety equipment on board shall be grounds for disqualification:

- **LIFEJACKETS COMPULSORY** Each member of the crew must always wear an appropriate personal flotation device (PFD) when afloat. PFD's shall be worn in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- **VHF Radio** Each boat must have 'ON' at all times when racing, immediately accessible, audible in the cockpit, a working fixed (or waterproof handheld) VHF Radio, tuned to the race working channel (one of CH 6, 8, 72, 76) and CH 16.
- **Safety Equipment** Each boat should carry a throwing line and a knife.

17. Retiring

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer (PRO) by VHF Radio, as soon as possible.

18. Protests

18.1

No protests allowed

18.2

Not used

18.3

Not used

18.4

Not used

19. Radio, Data & Telephone Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make radio, data or telephone transmissions while racing nor receive radio, data or telephone communications not available to all boats, except that a boat may monitor communications of the PRO without interfering with PRO communications and respond if called by the PRO and may advise the PRO by VHF Radio if retiring. The PRO may communicate with competitors using a VHF channel, which will be specified at the briefing.

20. Prizes

Prizes may be awarded to the boats placed 1st to 3rd; as well as additional ad hoc prizes, as deemed appropriate by the organising authority.

21. Waiver of Liability

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 'Decision to Race'. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta/series/race.

20. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event.

21. Disposal of Rubbish

No boat shall intentionally dispose of rubbish (whether solid or liquid) in the water.

22. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

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Appendix A

All races will follow a two lap structure, with the following sequence

- 1. Start**
- 2. Windward Mark 1**
- 3. Leeward Mark 1**
- 4. Windward Mark 2**
- 5. Leeward Mark 2**
- 6. Finish**

Races 1, 2 and 3.

No limitation on race course.

All boats can sail through the Start/Finish line at any time.

Races 4, 5 and 6.

Only go through the Start/Finish line to start and to finish.

